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Mr. Dave McCarthy
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**SUBJECT: Draft Final Community Relations Plan for the Yerington Mine Site,
Lyon County, Nevada**

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has received and evaluated the **Draft Final Community Relations Plan for the Yerington Mine Site, Lyon County, Nevada**, dated August 26, 2002, regarding the continued environmental investigation of the Yerington Mine, located in Lyon County near Yerington Nevada. This office provides the following comments from NDEP, EPA, BLM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife and other technical representatives of the Yerington Technical Work Group (YTWG).

Specific Comments

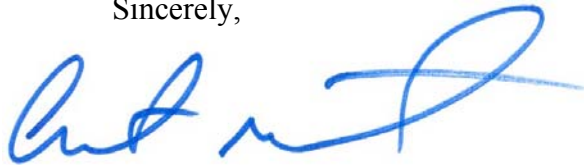
- 1) Page 1, Introduction; Discuss what the CRP is before going into details regarding the Technical Workgroup.
- 2) Page 1, Summary and Description; define or delete the following terms: beneficiation operations, precipitation plant, heap leach pads and beneficiation circuits. In the second paragraph, change "approximate" to "approximately 3,000 acres." In this same sentence, delete the commas after solutions and activities.

- 3) Page 1, Summary and Description; Sentence starting, "The YTWG has developed a Closure Scope of Work to achieve..." change the tenses as follows so that they match the remainder of the sentence: contain and manage existing and potential future impacts..., assess and, if required, contain fugitive dust.
- 4) Page 2, Contact Information; add Vicki Rosen's title—Community Relations Specialist
- 5) Page 3, Community Relations Activities; Delete the word involvement.
- 6) Page 4, Public Meetings; Delete the "to" before "answer" and "respond" in the first sentence of this section.
- 7) Page 5; add EPA and BLM as locations for folks to review files

Accordingly, please provide the **Final Community Relations Plan**, which Incorporates the above comments. This information must be received not later than October 26, 2002, as per the previously agreed on submittal schedule.

Should you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (775) 687-9376 or FAX (775) 687-6396. All future correspondence regarding this subject should be addressed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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